The Patriot

Poll Workers of Okaloosa County Fall 2011

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Patriot Poll Workers,

Where does the time go? Not only are the signs of Fall in the air, it's evident that campaign season is also upon us. That only means one thing here: we have an election to think about!

Of course, most of our dedicated Trainers have already been hard at work helping us revise our polling procedures to accommodate the changes we were given by the 2011 Legislature. Specifically, HB 1355—signed into law by the Governor on May 19th—is the root of all these changes. I don't have the space here to talk to you about all of the changes, but you will not want to miss your training sessions in January!

To help gel some of the new procedures in our minds, we hosted a two-day Open House event over the summer—one for legislators and their staff, and the other for members of the media and representatives from various political organizations. Both days were a great success, and our guests learned all about the process—from voter registration to tabulating results on election night. They even got an up-close look at how a polling place operates and watched some of your training videos!

I know you are the best poll workers in the State; and I know that you will, as you always do, adapt to these new procedures and make sure all of Florida's election laws are upheld.

Have a safe and happy holiday season. I wish each and every one of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Paul Lux
Okaloosa County Supervisor of Elections

JANE'S CORNER

2011 was supposed to be our "easy" year since we had only municipal elections in March. However, we continued with training sessions and workshops throughout the year. Sadly, Tiffany Rivera will not be here to help with our training sessions next year. She has been a tremendous asset to our office staff and to our program. Her enthusiasm, energy, and talent will be a great loss for us and a phenomenal gain for her new employer. We'll all miss her as we prepare for the 2012 elections.

New legislative changes caused us to have more revisions to our manual. Only one will affect ALL poll workers. Two others will affect procedures for the clerks. But there are other changes, too. Some precincts have been combined (precincts 27/28 and 22/41). If this works out like we hope, there will be more combinations in the coming elections. Other precincts have changed location: Pct. 32 back to The Church of Christ, Pct. 35 to a new location in the same church, and Pct. 45 to a new location at Foxwood Country Club.

We are excited about this next year and hope you will be, too. So have a wonderful holiday season, rest up after a great Christmas and get ready for a busy year.
Enjoy this time of year with your family and friends, and
above all else, stay safe!

Jane

A Change in Seasons!

As we welcome the colors, scents and festivities of Fall, I'm reminded of the many seasons of life. As I enter a new season, I bid you all a heartfelt farewell as my husband, son and I relocate to Central Florida.

For nearly four years, I've had the wonderful opportunity to work with an exceptional group of election professionals including the best poll workers in the state!

I've enjoyed serving the voters of Okaloosa County and being a part of the Patriot Poll Worker team. I'm most thankful for the lifelong friendships I've found and will cherish the warmth and spirit of true Patriots!

Best wishes for a successful election year,

Tiffany Rivera

Sheriff Ashley Trains Our Trainers!

Our fantastic group of trainers attended a special session in which Okaloosa County Sheriff Larry Ashley was the guest speaker.

Sheriff Ashley shared helpful tips and insight into handling emergency situations and problematic occurrences on Election Day. He reminded poll workers that his department is our go-to source for such issues at the polls.

2012 Election Specific Training Classes

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	WHO
January 31, 2012 Presidential Preference Primary Election Classes (also Municipal Elections in Cinco Bayou, Destin, Mary Esther, & Valparaiso)			
Thurs. Jan. 5	8:30 a.m.	FWB Water & Sewer Bldg., 3rd Floor Conference Room	Trainers Only
Mon. Jan. 9	8:15 a.m. 1:30 p.m. 5:45 p.m.	Trinity United Methodist Church, FWB Trinity United Methodist Church, FWB Trinity United Methodist Church, FWB	Experienced Inspectors/All Bailiffs Experienced Inspectors/All Bailiffs Experienced Inspectors/All Bailiffs
Tues. Jan. 10	1:00 p.m. 5:45 p.m.	First Baptist Church, 798 Pearl St N, Crestview First Baptist Church, 798 Pearl St N, Crestview	Experienced Inspectors/All Bailiffs Experienced Inspectors/All Bailiffs
Thurs. Jan. 12	8:15 a.m.	First Presbyterian Church 1800 John Sims Pky, Niceville	Experienced Inspectors/All Bailiffs
Tues. Jan 17	8:15 a.m.	Trinity United Methodist Church, FWB	**ALL NEW POLL WORKERS (never worked OR not worked since 2009)**
Wed. Jan 18	8:15 a.m.	First Baptist Church, 798 Pearl St N, Crestview	**ALL NEW POLL WORKERS (never worked OR not worked since 2009)**
Thurs. Jan. 19	8:15 a.m. 1:30 p.m. 5:45 p.m.	Ag Building, Crestview Trinity United Methodist Church, FWB Trinity United Methodist Church, FWB	Clerks/Assistant Clerks Clerks/Assistant Clerks Clerks/Assistant Clerks
August 14, 2012 Primary Election Classes			
Mon. July 16	8:30 a.m.	FWB Water & Sewer Bldg., 3rd Floor Conference Room	Trainers Only
Wed. July 18	8:15 a.m.	Trinity United Methodist Church, FWB	**ALL NEW POLL WORKERS (never worked OR not worked since 2009)**
Thurs. July 19	8:15 a.m.	First Baptist Church, 798 Pearl St N, Crestview	**ALL NEW POLL WORKERS (never worked OR not worked since 2009)**
Fri. July 20	8:15 a.m.	First Presbyterian Church 1800 John Sims Pky, Niceville	Experienced Inspectors/All Bailiffs
Mon. July 23	8:15 a.m. 1:30 p.m. 5:45 p.m.	Trinity United Methodist Church, FWB Trinity United Methodist Church, FWB Trinity United Methodist Church, FWB	Experienced Inspectors/All Bailiffs Experienced Inspectors/All Bailiffs Experienced Inspectors/All Bailiffs
Tues. July 24	1:00 p.m. 5:45 p.m.	First Baptist Church, 798 Pearl St N, Crestview First Baptist Church, 798 Pearl St N, Crestview	Experienced Inspectors/All Bailiffs Experienced Inspectors/All Bailiffs
Thurs. July 26	8:15 a.m. 1:30 p.m. 5:45 p.m.	Ag Building, Crestview Trinity United Methodist Church, FWB Trinity United Methodist Church, FWB	Clerks/Assistant Clerks Clerks/Assistant Clerks Clerks/Assistant Clerks
November 6, 2012 General Election Classes			
Mon. Oct. 8	8:30 a.m.	FWB Water & Sewer Bldg., 3rd Floor Conference Room	Trainers Only
Wed. Oct. 10	8:15 a.m.	Trinity United Methodist Church, FWB	**ALL NEW POLL WORKERS (never worked OR not worked since 2009)**
Thurs. Oct. 11	8:15 a.m.	First Baptist Church, 798 Pearl St N, Crestview	**ALL NEW POLL WORKERS (never worked OR not worked since 2009)**
Fri. Oct. 12	8:15 a.m.	First Presbyterian Church 1800 John Sims Pky, Niceville	Experienced Inspectors/All Bailiffs
Mon. Oct. 15	8:15 a.m. 1:30 p.m. 5:45 p.m.	Trinity United Methodist Church, FWB Trinity United Methodist Church, FWB Trinity United Methodist Church, FWB	Experienced Inspectors/All Bailiffs Experienced Inspectors/All Bailiffs Experienced Inspectors/All Bailiffs
Tues. Oct. 16	1:00 p.m. 5:45 p.m.	First Baptist Church, 798 Pearl St N, Crestview First Baptist Church, 798 Pearl St N, Crestview	Experienced Inspectors/All Bailiffs Experienced Inspectors/All Bailiffs
Thurs. Oct. 18	8:15 a.m. 1:30 p.m. 5:45 p.m.	Ag Building, Crestview Trinity United Methodist Church, FWB Trinity United Methodist Church, FWB	Clerks/Assistant Clerks Clerks/Assistant Clerks Clerks/Assistant Clerks

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Wishing You a

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

Yes, it's a little early we know!
We want to send our holiday greetings
before the rush as December will be a busy month
preparing for the January 31st
Presidential Preference Primary.

Please have a safe and happy holiday season!

Mexican Layered Dip

Shared by Mary Alice Gamble - Pct. 5

-1 12 - 14oz. can refried beans
-1 container avocado dip or guacamole
-Mix the following :
1 8 oz. carton sour cream
1 cup mayonnaise
-1 small can chopped black olives
-1 bunch green onions, chopped
-1 lb. medium cheddar cheese, grated
-1 or 2 medium tomatoes, chopped
-Layer on cookie sheet

Enjoy!

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